Separate company for coal mines in Rajmahal

†*359. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to create a separate company for operating the coal mines situated in the Rajmahal area of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the structure thereof; and

(c) the place where its headquarter is likely to be located?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of answer given in part (a) of the question.

Unemployment problem

*360. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN : Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Government's scheme to wipe out unemployment in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time fixed for effective implementation of the scheme; and

(c) if not, whether Government would formulate such scheme keeping in view that a large number of people are awaiting for years after registering in the rolls of employment exchange?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) to (c) Government has announced a scheme to provide a legal guarantee for at least 100 days of employment to begin with on asset-creating public works programmes every year at minimum wages for at least one able bodied person in every poor household. A draft scheme is under consideration.

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